

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Atty. Dkt.: 2752-52

Washington, D.C. 20231 j1060 U.S. PTO

Date: July 6, 2001

Sir:



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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: Maertens et al.

Entitled: **PURIFIED HEPATITS C VIRUS ENVELOPE PROTEINS FOR
DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC USE**

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
86 pages of specification and claims (including 48 numbered claims), and
59 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.
☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.
☒ Attached is a Power of Attorney.
☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

| Application Number | Country | Day/Month/Year Filed |
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| PCT/EP95/03031 | WO | 31/7/1995 |
| 94870132.1 | | 29/07/1994 |

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior appln. no. PCT/EP95/03031 filed _____

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☒ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 08/928,017, filed September 11, 1997, which is a divisional of Application No. 08/612,973, filed March 11, 1996, the entire content of each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

The prior application is assigned to INNOGENETICS N.V..

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.

Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

- ☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☒ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☒ Other:
Letter re: **Sequence Listing**

FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED

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| Basic Filing Fee | | | | \$ | 710.00 |
| Total effective claims | 0 | - 20 (at least 20) = | 0 | x \$ 18.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Independent claims | 0 | - 3 (at least 3) = | 0 | x \$ 80.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$270.00 (ignore improper) | | | | \$ | 0.00 |
| | | | | SUBTOTAL | \$ 710.00 |
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| | | | | SECOND SUBTOTAL | \$ 710.00 |
| Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) | | | | \$ | 0.00 |
| | | | | TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED | \$ 710.00 |

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Atty Ref.: 2752-52

MAERTENS, et al.

Group: Unassigned

Application No.: NOT YET ASSIGNED
(DIVISIONAL OF APPLICATION NO. 08/928,017)

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For: PURIFIED HEPATITIS C VIRUS ENVELOPE
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LETTER

Honorable Commissioner of
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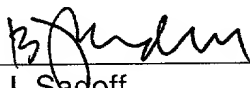
Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 822(e), the applicants note the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing of this new application is identical with the computer readable form of another application of the applicant on file in the Office. That other application is Application No. 08/612,973, filed March 11, 1996. This reference to the other application and computer readable form is being made in lieu of filing a duplicate computer readable form in this new application. The Office is requested to use the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing in Application No. 08/612,973 for the present application. The attached paper copy of the Sequence Listing is the same as the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing filed in the parent application No. 08/612,973. The attached Sequence Listing is the same as the Sequence Listing filed in the parent Application No. 08/928,017. No new matter has been added.

Maertens et al.
Div of Application No. 08/928,017
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Respectfully submitted,

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